U. S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON, DIVISION

United States District Court Southern District of Texas FILED

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (PLAINTIFF)

Clerk of Court

V.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:09-cv-04101

\$56,657.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY (RESPONDENT)

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DEFENDANT'S VERIFIED ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF SAID COURT:

Defendant, Valentine Osigboh files this Original Verified Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition.

A. SPECIFIC DENIAL

- 2. Defendant Admits Paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.
- 3. Defendant denies Paragraph 2 only to the extent that it failed to disclose that

 Defendant completed a Report of International Transport of Currency or Monetary Instruments

 (FinCEN Form 105) once an officer reminded him.
- 4. The money made the subject of this lawsuit was earned by defendant legally.

D. PRAYER

For these reasons, Respondents ask the court to enter judgment against Plaintiff, and restore the money made the subject of this litigation to defendant and assess costs against Plaintiff, and award respondents attorney fees and all other relief to which they are entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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IN THE STATE OF TEXAS §

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IN THE COUNTY OF HARRIS \$

AFFIDAVIT OF VALENTINE OSIGBOH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mr. Valentine Osigboh, who by me duly sworn, on oath stated:

My name is Valentine Osigboh. I am above eighteen years of age and fully competent to swear this affidavit based on the personal knowledge of facts sworn herein.

- 1. I am the Defendant in the above-style and numbered cause.
- 2. On or about November 26, 2009, I was travelling to Nigeria on KLM Airline Flight #662.
- 3. Unfortunately, I forgot to complete a Report of International Transport of Currency or Monetary Instruments (FinCEN Form 105) because I was running late to catch my flight, until I was reminded by an officer.
- 4. Thereafter, I declared that I was carrying about Fifty six thousand seven hundred (\$56,700.00), and immediately completed FinCEN Form 105. In fact, the exact amount I was carrying was fifty six thousand six fifty sis hundred fifty seven (\$56.657.00).
- 5. The Officer seized the fund

6. The money I was carrying was obtaind lawfully.

Public, State of Texas

y Commission Expire December 05, 2010

Further Affiant Sayeth Not

VALENTINE OSIGBO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority,

on the 2200 day of January, 2010.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

My commission expires on: